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The Golden West Section of AWMA is seeking grants or sponsorship of \$ 1,000 to \$ 5,000 for university student scholarships and annual meeting activities, and for updating AWMA environmental education teaching materials for Grades 6-12 that will be distributed to schools in our region. Sponsors will have their company identity specifically named in association with the selected activity. Details follow below:

STUDENT PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Student Scholarship Competition:

Each year, the Golden West Section Scholarship Committee selects one or more graduate or undergraduate students as recipients of the Golden West Section annual scholarship. The selection is made on the basis of a detailed application including a statement of goals, academic transcripts, research and community accomplishments, and letters of recommendations. In recent years, our Section has offered up to \$3,500 in scholarship funding for selected finalists. Candidates attend colleges and universities within the Golden West Section's geographic boundaries. Each of the Golden West Section scholarship recipients also receives a 1-year Student Membership to the International Air and Waste Management Association.

The Golden West Section plans to provide scholarships again in 2006-2007 for students attending colleges and universities in our Section's geographic area. The deadline for submittal of scholarship applications will be December 31, 2006, with details to be posted on our website.

Sponsoring Students to Present Papers at the Annual Meeting

In an effort to encourage greater overall participation by students and young professionals, AWMA has asked each Section to sponsor about five (5) students to attend the Annual Convention & Exhibition. With

the support of their professors, the sponsored students will be presenting full Technical Session and/or Poster Session presentations, and will be competing for Student Paper Awards or AWMA International Scholarship Awards. The total cost for each student attendee is expected to be about \$ 800, including airfare, and the use of dormitory accommodations at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Environmental Education Resource Guides (EERGs)

Since the early 1990s, AWMA has offered an environmental science curriculum for teachers and students on the topics of Air Quality and Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention. Each of the two sets of "EERGs" contain instructions for teachers, and a series of 15 environmental science experiments designed to teach scientific principles tailored for children in specific age groups (Grades K-12). An EERG QuickTutor Kit and Presenters Manual are also offered. Sponsored workshops have been held around the country staffed by practicing environmental professionals to demonstrate the lessons and concepts to local teachers and principals. The program has been recognized with seven national awards. Under a recent grant from the Toyota Corporation, the hardcopy versions of the EERGs for Grades K through 5 were converted to executable PowerPoint files (with lesson attachments) on CD-ROM. At this time, there is an urgent need for grants and/or sponsors to allow AWMA to hire professional assistance to update the content of the Grades 6-12 Air Quality lesson plans (now about 15 years old). These lessons would also be converted to CD-ROM format. AWMA's price for distribution of the CD's is now about \$ 15 apiece, a price that the market finds acceptable. This price covers the cost of CD production and attached literature, but not the extra, one-time costs of content updates and CD conversion. The 11 volumes are:

- Air Quality - Grades K-2
- Air Quality – Grades 3-5
- Air Quality - Grades 6-8 French Edition
- Air Quality – Grades 6-8 Spanish Edition
- Air Quality - Grades 9-12
- Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention – Grades K-2
- Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention – Grades 3-5
- Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention – Grades 6-8
- Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention – Grades 6-8 Spanish Edition
- Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention – Grades 9-12

Please contact the GWS Education Chair at wsweetdodge@yahoo.com with your questions on sponsorship. Thank you for your interest!